

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts  
Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen  
in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting**

**REGULAR MEETING**

January 23, 2003, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS  
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

1. Citation By the Entire Board, Commending the Somerville Police Dept. for its outstanding performance in the Boston Globe's recent study of racial profiling.
2. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police take the appropriate actions to stop the parking of commercial vehicles on Edgar Ave., Edgar Terrace and Jaques St. during the evening hours.
3. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Chief of Police take the necessary steps to remove the junk automobiles from Butler Dr.
4. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the MDC to remove the two downed trees and branches along Mystic Ave., across from Taylor and Grant Sts.
5. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street in front of 61 Sydney St.
6. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the pothole at the corner of Bailey Rd. and Fellsway West.
7. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services contact the operators of the Winter Hill Bakery and inform them to place their rubbish in front of their store and not on Marshall St.

8. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police issue notices and tickets to Mystic Auto for parking vehicles on the sidewalk at the corner of Mystic Ave. and Moreland St.
9. Resolution By Ald. Heuston, That this Board of Aldermen urges all interested citizens to attend a meeting at the Lincoln Park School cafeteria on January 28, from 7:00 to 7:30 PM, to discuss a new design for the Lincoln Park School.
10. Resolution By Ald. Heuston, That this Board of Aldermen urges all interested citizens to attend a meeting of the Youth Services Committee to be held in the Committee Room on January 28, at 5:00 PM.
11. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines notify the appropriate utility companies to inspect their poles, transformers and low hanging wires on Tyler St. and Properzi Way.
12. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines repair the street lights at the following locations: 68 Dane St., 38 Union Square, and the corner of Beacon and Durham Sts.
13. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Public Health inspect the property at 21-23 Rossmore St. for any and all violations, including overcrowding and trash piled at the side of the building.
14. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Public Health inspect the property at 69-71 Beacon St. for any and all violations, especially the piling of refuse in the walkway at the side of the building.
15. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the permit parking restriction on Merriam St.
16. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works take the necessary steps to repair the roadway at the corner of School and Summer Sts. and to contact the appropriate utility company if it is their responsibility to perform the repair.
17. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of Public Health notify the owner of the property at 8 Belmont St. to clean the front of the property.
18. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect the following properties for illegal apartments, inadequate means of egress, and operation of a rooming house: 25, 39 and 55 Montrose St.

19. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of Public Health address the overflowing dumpster problem at 109 Highland Ave. and make suggestions to remedy the situation.
20. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the lot at Beech and Cleveland Sts. next to the Roundhouse.
21. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the electric utility company to repair or replace the non-functioning street lights on College Ave. opposite the Tufts parking lot entrance, and on Morrison Ave. opposite Josephine Ave.
22. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes in front of 27 College Ave.
23. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the enclosed letter detailing a problem with a Parking Control Officer on Russell St. on December 4, 2002, and take all necessary actions to resolve the complaint.
24. Resolution By Ald. Connolly and Trane, That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests the Administration establish a Joint Task Force comprised of the City of Somerville, the City of Medford and Tufts University to identify all off-campus student housing to ensure that all residential structures are building and health code compliant, and advise this Board of the creation of the Task Force, and provide this Board with monthly progress reports.
25. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol at Clarendon Hills Towers on Broadway for motor vehicles failing to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.
26. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Water Superintendent develop better methods of informing residents in advance when hydrants are going to be flushed and tap water rendered unusable, and inform this Board what communication methods are currently being used.
27. Resolution By Ald. Provost and Heuston, That the School Dept.'s administrative offices relocate immediately to their former quarters in the Cummings School, to save the city the \$140,000 per year paid for leased office space.
28. Order By Ald. Provost and Heuston, That all Department Heads and Acting Department Heads produce in writing by the time of the budget hearings, their departments' policies for authorizing or approving overtime.

29. Order By Ald. Provost and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works once again update this Board on the status and timetable for the reconstruction of the Lowell St. Bridge.
30. Order By Ald. Provost, Heuston and Taylor, That the appropriate Departments inform this Board of the amount of compensation being paid the city by the MWRA for public shade trees removed, the present location of these funds, and the plans and timetable for replacing these trees.
31. Order By Ald. Provost, Taylor and White, That OHCD's park design personnel recommend to this Board strategies for reducing damage to turf by dogs, the feasibility of establishing 'dog runs' at one or more appropriate locations in the city, and the advisability of modifying the city's leash law in these locations.
32. Order By Ald. Provost, Taylor, White and Heuston, That the City Solicitor prepare a Home Rule Petition authorizing the city to lease the Bow St. police station building for a term of up to fifty years.
33. Order By Ald. Provost, White and McCallum, That the Traffic and Parking Commission consider placing a pedestrian crosswalk from the top of Edgar Ave. across Main St. to the MBTA bus stop, and inform the sponsors of this Order when this item comes up on the Traffic Commission agenda.
34. Resolution By Ald. Desmond and the Entire Board, That this Board of Aldermen hereby recognizes and commends those city employees who have been working tirelessly to provide public safety services within our community under very difficult weather conditions.
35. Order By Ald. Desmond, That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the city ordinance requiring people to register their vehicles at their Somerville address after a certain length of residency in the City, and report back to this Board with a method and the necessary means to enforce that ordinance.
36. Order By Ald. Desmond and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the broken branches on the trees located in front of 210 and 243 Willow Ave.
37. Order By Ald. Desmond and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works patch the pothole on Bowers Ave.
38. Order By Ald. Desmond and Connolly, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines notify the appropriate utility company to remove the cable wires wrapped around the utility pole in front of 9 Mallet St.

39. Order By Ald. Desmond and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works patch the pothole within the Powderhouse Rotary on the Broadway/Powderhouse side.
40. Order By Ald. Desmond and Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing ONE WAY sign on Mallet St. at Willow Ave.
41. Order By Ald. Desmond and Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking re-install the missing PERMIT PARKING and STREET SWEEPING signs just before 98 Kidder Ave., coming from Willow Ave.
42. Order By Ald. Desmond and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works patch the pothole on Kidder Ave. near Powderhouse Terrace.
43. Order By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works patch the area in front of 28 Lake St.
44. Order By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines notify the proper utility company to immediately remediate the low hanging wires in the rear yard of 9 Granite St. and around the front of 9 Granite St., as some of these lines pose an immediate danger to children and residents there.
45. Order By Ald. Desmond and McCallum, That the Commissioner of Public Works pick up the automobile debris on the sidewalk in the area of Temple and Sewall Sts.
46. Order By Ald. Desmond and McCallum, That the Director of Traffic and Parking re-install the STOP sign and pole at the intersection of Memorial Rd. and Temple St.
47. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing street sign on Cedar St. at the corner of Warwick St.
48. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works patch the pothole in front of 596 Broadway.
49. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works patch the potholes on Washington St. in the area of Cobble Hill.
50. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works patch the pothole on the south side of Benton Rd. at Highland Ave.

51. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify Russell Disposal regarding the unsafe location or placement of the trash dumpster in front of 270 Highland Ave. at the corner of Conwell St., as it partially obstructs the sidewalk and is dangerous to pedestrians.
52. Order By Ald. Desmond and Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Superintendent of Schools review the garden area on the left side of the Conwell School and remove any furniture, debris, recycling containers and other items being used by the abutting neighbors without city permission for the storage of empty bottles and cans.
53. Order By Ald. Desmond and Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works pick up the furniture debris dumped after the regular trash pickup at the corner of Curtis St. and Powderhouse Blvd.
54. Order By Ald. Desmond, McCallum and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works review the condition of the curbing at the Gilman Square Island for possible future repairs that will protect the garden area and the pedestrian crossing.
55. Order By Ald. Desmond, Taylor and McCallum, That the Director of Traffic and Parking re-install the STOP sign and pole on Walnut St. at the intersection of Medford St.
56. Order By Ald. White, That the Chief of Police, Council on Aging and Information Technology Dept. analyze and report back to this Board of Aldermen the potential use by the city of the "Are You Okay" program which is a computerized system that checks on the welfare of participating senior citizens daily.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

57. Resolution That the City's Emergency Response Team, and the concerned citizens who stopped to offer aid, be commended for their assistance during the recent emergency on Vinal Ave.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

58. Requesting confirmation of appointment of Silvio Almanzar to the position of Community Youth Program Director.
59. Requesting confirmation to appoint Anthony Richardson of 6 Blakeville St., Dorchester, as a Sworn Weigher.
60. Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Lynne Rocco of 3 Brook Rd. #3, Salem, New Hampshire, as a Sworn Weigher.

61. Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Frederick Mangone of 8 Doane Road, Medford, as constable.
62. Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Rocco Marciello of 225 Highland Ave. as constable.
63. Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Berlin Haynes of 21 Elmwood St. as constable.
64. Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Thomas Morehead of 410 Cambridge St. #1, Cambridge, as constable.
65. Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Ronald Ellies Jr. of 262 School St. as constable.
66. Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Susan Gardener Welsh of 31 Irving St. as constable.

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

67. Report of the Committee on Conf. of Appointments, Jan. 21.
68. Report of the Committee on Finance, Jan. 21.
69. Report of the Committee of the Whole on Finance, Jan. 21.
70. Report of the Joint Committee on Legislative Matters & Finance, Jan. 22.
71. Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Jan. 22.
72. Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Works, Jan. 22.
73. Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, Jan. 23.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

74. City Clerk responding to #173018 re: Snow ticket appeals.
75. DPW Commissioner, Traffic and Parking Director, and Traffic Division Commander responding to #173048 re: Snow emergency parking enforcement.
76. City Solicitor and DPW Commissioner responding to #172431 re: Prevention of runoff.

77. City Auditor responding to #173046 re: Departmental overtime expenditures through Jan. 20, 2003.
78. Planning Board regarding a proposed zoning amendment to facilitate the future development of North Point.
79. DPW Director of Operations regarding various Board Orders.

**NEW BUSINESS**

80. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy**  
Rally Against War with Iraq, Statue Park in Davis Sq., Jan. 24, 5:30-6:30PM.
81. Public Occ. Little Flower School Open House Signage, Franklin St. traffic island, Jan. 26.
82. Public Occ. Powderhouse Pub road race, Powderhouse Pub, June 1, 11AM-3PM.
83. Public Occ. Summer Steamer road race, Khoury's, July 13, starting at 10AM.
84. Public Occ. Gobble Gobble Gobble Run road race, Davis Sq., Nov. 27, starting at 9AM.
85. Used Car Lic **New Used Car Dealer's License Class 2**  
Auto Brokers, 182 Washington St.
86. Open Air Vender **New Open Air Vendor License**  
The Flower Petaler, Statue Park/Davis Sq. Plaza, Thursdays-Sundays & Holidays.
87. Fortune Teller **New Fortune Teller License**  
Somerville Psychic Workshop, 365 McGrath Hwy.
88. Garage Lic. **Renewal of Garage License**  
Union Square Auto Inc., 13A Joy St., 6 Autos.
89. Garage Lic. Dewire Family Trust/Thomas A. Dewire Jr., 381 Washington St., 13 Autos.
90. Taxi Op. **New Taxi Operator**  
Amro Wardo, 37 Hamilton Ave., Billerica.
91. Taxi Op. Isac Nascimento, 258 Shute St., Everett.

92. Comm. **Communication**  
James Douglas re: Hayden Terrace.
93. Claim Notice **Notice of Claim**  
Johnny Laine.
94. Claim Notice Pierre Jean-Louis.
95. Claim Notice Ernest Grigoropoulos.
96. Claim Notice Valeen Duffy.
97. Claim Notice Daniel Foley Jr.
98. Claim Notice Mathew Mahoney.
99. Claim Notice Johanna Prindiville.

**ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM**